

**LOS CERRITOS MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MINUTES  
February 7, 2024**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Present at the meeting were: Gina Sillers, Deanna Camacho, Eli Nudel, Daniel Nudel, Olivia Chiu, Katie Dahm, Reagan LaRue, Scott Foli, Patti Reis, Kaylin Kelly, Brandy Pacheco, Rachael Jordan, Caitlin Stephens, Michelle McEvoy, Pam VanUden, Paige Gonzales, Olivia Foster

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 7:33.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as written.

Student's Report

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Reagan LaRue:

- Have a 4 day weekend coming up.
- Crew 6 had a basketball tournament, it went well. Couple disagreements. Lot of people attended.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Olivia Foster:

- Outdoor school is coming up, very excited, going 2nd week.
- On Friday we got Renaissance Reward slips.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Kaylin Kelly:

- Social Studies Test - Tests are hard, but it is an honors class. But at least one kid should get 100. We are still getting A's in class.
- Choir concerts coming up. March 1 - Leopard Lounge and maybe March 14th have our big competition coming up SCVA Competition is coming up. Last year we got unanimous superior rating.
- Math - started using Pi.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Eli Nudel

- Haven't seen Peer Teach Math or any other classes, not sure why.
- Testing has gone very well, not too often.
- Social Studies class - with tests, no one has got 100. Start to lose motivation.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Clare Cee:

- Not present

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rep – Olivia Chiu:

- Leadership's next event is not for a few months. So leadership is focusing on in-school events such as rallies, lunch time activities, etc. We had a group change in leadership class.
- Math starting using Peer Teach, fun and great way to keep learning.

## SSC MINUTES 2/7/24

### Counselor's Report – Karen McCarthy:

- Newsletter coming out next Monday (February 12) that will have a lot more information and specifics.
- Continuing to meet with students for social emotional support in January.
- Increase of SST and Case Conferences (Some from our own school and some from other schools such as La Reina and Saint Pascals)
- Met with 90+ students who improved their grades on the D/F list for Cookies with the School Counselor event: We invited them at lunch and gave them a cookie for improving their grades.
- Went into all 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms to do the Tier 1 Career Pathways Lessons.
- Starting to talk to students about Get Ahead Summer School planning and academic planning.
- As a counseling team we worked on registration and programming material for our upcoming registration/programming season
  - We meet weekly with the Wellness Counselor for check in and communication.
  - Middle school counselor team meetings are first Tuesday of each month.
  - Worked with teachers and staff on College & Career Week planning.
- Feb. 14 - Field trip to Oxnard College. Taking EL students.
- Feb. 15 - Virtual Coffee with the Counselors - info will be sent out. Registration process for parents.
- During 2 weeks of Outdoor school - going to classes, meeting 1 on 1.
- H.S. Counselors - here in April.
- Upcoming events - sent dates of events.
- Parent night coming up Feb. 29th. Flier will go out.

### DAC Report – Patti Reis:

- Next meeting is next week Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 9am.
- Nothing to report yet.
- Traffic and Crossing Guards - discussion at next meeting.
- Email: [PattiReis@gmail.com](mailto:PattiReis@gmail.com) - send me comments or concerns about crossing guards.

### SEDAC Report – Martina Ziegenfuss:

Not present. Emailed report.

- SELPA presentation - includes links to additional resources
  - <https://padlet.com/VCSELPA/pd-flyers-2023-2024-p5nw4jcxilyuliru>
  - <https://www.vcselpa.org/For-Families/Welcome-Families>
- Unified Basketball date changes- the games are now scheduled for:
  - Friday, March 1, 2024-Westlake High School Vs Newbury Park High School (at NPHS)
  - Friday, March 28, 2024-Newbury Park High School Vs Thousand Oaks High School (at TOHS)
  - Friday, March 22, 2024-Thousand Oaks High School Vs Westlake High School (at WHS)
- Extended School Year (ESY) scheduled to be at Glenwood (pre-school through grade 5), Sequoia (6 - 8), and Thousand Oaks High School (9 through post-secondary) from July 2nd - July 31st (pending board approval) July 4th and 5th are holidays/no school
- Announcement of new Teacher on Special Assignment for Inclusion - Sara Cummings
- [Disability Celebrations Toolkit](#) - Resource for Disability History Month in March.
- If you are interested in being on the board please fill out this [Nomination Form](#). Attached to this email is also a copy of SEDAC Bylaws.

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- The Executive Board positions consist of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and 6 Member-at-Large. We have a few current board members who will not be continuing on next year so please consider it.

### GATE DAC Report – Michelle McEvoy:

- I was not able to attend the meeting this past Friday.
- Primary Agenda item was a Presentation on the school site planning process. Important to ensure that GATE is incorporated into the site plan for the school.

### ELAC/DELAC Report – Paige Gonzales:

- Had our 3rd ELAC meeting. Recognized 5 EL students for growth and improvements. Opened up to other teachers to recognize EL students in their classes. Some students were reclassified.
- ELD field trip to Oxnard College coming up on 14th.
- Next ELAC meeting as a cluster - include other middle schools and high schools in March.
- Starting ELPAC testing, starting individually for kids who have accommodations or IEPs. Will have the whole month of April to complete testing.

### LGBTQ+ Representative – Rachael Jordan:

- Presentation by Dr. Heather Chamberlain - about the behavioral services available at all grade levels across the district. Distinction between Counselors and Mental Health Clinicians.
  - Focus on training that the providers are receiving - supporting our students.
  - Caregivers can request services.
- Breakout sessions - ways to recognize Pride Month in June. LGBTQ History Month in October.
- Next meeting Wed. Feb. 28th.
- Our students have a club - giving their input on how we celebrate.

### PTSA Report – Deanna Camacho:

- Klinger bought 2 octagon benches for student seating. Don't know when they will arrive.
- Book fair for March 19 - 22. Figuring out location.
- Setting up a grad photo session for 8th grade parents to get cap and gown photos for 8th graders. Proceeds back to school. Possibly doing it on April 7th or 14th.
- We will be purchasing the buses for the 8th grade field trip to Universal Studios.

### Boys & Girls Club Report – Caitlin Stephens:

- During the four day weekend, we are open at Redwood campus on Feb. 16th. Closed on Feb. 19th.
- Spring Break camp will be held here at Anderson Club.
- Summer registration is open for summer camp online.
- Will have in club applications in the next 2 weeks.

### Teacher Reports:

- Butcher – not present.
- VanUden - everything is good.

### Principal's Report – Brandy Pacheco:

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- Hosted our first SOTM breakfast at the end of January, honored 57 students.
- We are hosting Black History Month assembly/presentation on Feb. 23rd.
- Principal's Honor Roll went out - 6th - 164 students, 7th - 138 students, 8th - 153 students.
- Renaissance Rewards are this week. There were 574 students who qualified for Renaissance.
- Water pressure issues - district brought temp bathrooms. City came and monitored it. Ours is the lowest. They are repairing that. More sanitizer was ordered.
- Get a new camera system installed in March. Getting 35 cameras inside and out. Some areas that are covered but students don't hang there.
- This week is National Counselors Week.

### Old Business

No Comments.

### New Business

- Kaylin - the lights in the girls bathroom by PE lockers shuts off too fast.
- Eli - smell in the boys bathroom.
- Dan - my parent perspective - how do we get kids more involved in community events? Do school wide volunteer events. I used to coordinate these events for YMCA.
- Pam - we used to do a Manna Drive.
- Michelle - maybe do a drive during the spring since most donations are collected in winter.

### Progress Monitoring – Pacheco:

- Went over D and F data with dept. chairs - Fewer Ds and Fs for Semester 1.
- Subgroups - still struggling, teachers following up with students to complete work.
- Common Lit - seen improvements with our students.
  - 6th grade - went from 26% to 39%
  - 7th grade - from 26% to 27%
  - 8th grade - from 28% to 35%
- 8th grade science - 231 students took the test - Mean 80%. Most trouble was Interpreting Line Graph - only 65% correct.

### Public Concerns

- For PE's no dress rule - 3 times you get a detention. Should be 2 times per week, instead of 3 per semester.

### Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Sillers, SSC Clerk